

Sunday 17 August 2025 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off?
Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see
them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says
the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who
prophecy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I
have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the
prophets ever turn back—those who prophecy lies, and
who prophecy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to
make my people forget my name by their dreams that
they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my
name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the
dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word
faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says
the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like
a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:23-29

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea
as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted
to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho
fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith
Rahab the did not perish with those who were
disobedient, because she had received the spies in
peace. And what should I say? For time would fail me to
tell Of Gideon, Barak, Samson. Jephthah, of David and
Samuel and the prophets — who through faith
conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions. quenched raging
fire, escape the edge of the sword, won strength out of
weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to
flight. Women received their dead by resurrection.
Others were tortured, refusing to accept release. in
order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered
mocking and flogging, and even chains and
imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were
sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went
about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, tormented -
of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in
deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the

ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for
their faith, did not receive what was promised, since
God had provided something better so that they would
not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we
are surrounded so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also
lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set
before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of
our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before
him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has
taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I
wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which
to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is
completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace
to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now
on, five in one household will be divided, three against
two and two against three; they will be divided:
father against son and son against father, mother
against daughter
and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'
He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising
in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain";
and so it happens. And when you see the south wind
blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it
happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know
how to interpret the present time?

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of
your Son to share this meal with the whole household of
God; that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace, gather people of every race and language to
share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ Our Lord.